



**NATURALLY  
OPEN**



# Welcome to Bournemouth University

**Postgraduate Open Evening**

17 March 2026



# Why BU?



## To learn is to change

Be part of a learning community that strives to make an impact on our world, for a more sustainable, inclusive and healthy society.



## One community

17,000 students, of which 2,500 are from over 130 countries.



## Many partners

From AFC Bournemouth to University Hospitals Dorset, and universities across the globe, BU is place of opportunity.

**89%**

of graduates in work  
or further study

HESA Graduate Outcomes 2022/23



**8<sup>TH</sup>**

in the UK and 59th  
in the World



Times Higher Education  
Impact Rankings 2025

**1<sup>ST</sup>**

for Mental Health and  
Wellbeing Support



# Why postgraduate study?

- **Career progression**  
Advance in your current field
- **Career change**  
Move into a new industry through conversion courses
- **Specialisation**  
Develop deeper subject expertise
- **Research pathways**  
Preparation for PhD or academic research

“The course has given me much **more confidence** and field-related skills to **progress into my dream career**. The experience gained from the placement opportunity has assisted in my job prospects and allowed for **hands-on experience** in the field.

— Mollie, MSc Biodiversity Conservation graduate



# Postgraduate experience



# What makes Postgraduate study different?

- ✓ Greater independence
- ✓ Smaller teaching groups
- ✓ Discussion-led teaching
- ✓ Research-informed learning
- ✓ Greater emphasis on critical thinking



# How your course is structured



**Taught units**



**Independent study**



**Major project/dissertation**

# Education, research & practice



## Professionally orientated degree

- Professional accreditations
- Placements
- Working with industry



## Incredible learning opportunities

- Live research projects
- Guest lectures
- Study abroad



## Research that makes a real difference

- Improving health & wellbeing
- Building environmental resilience
- Leading innovation in creative technologies
- Turning digital and AI research into industry impact

**94%**

of research  
rated as  
internationally  
-recognised  
or above\*

# Career & research opportunities



# Where postgraduate study can take you

- Progress into specialist and leadership roles across a wide range of industries.
- A number of courses are **accredited by professional bodies**, meaning they meet recognised industry standards and may support professional registration or career progression.
- Some courses offer **placements and live industry projects** providing an opportunity to meet and work with potential future employers

## Strong career outcomes

89%

of all BU postgraduate graduates are employed or in further study within 15 months of graduating.

Graduate Outcomes 2022/23 survey results published by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA). HESA open data is published under the (CC BY 4.0) licence

# Careers support for Postgraduate students

## Job search & employer engagement

- Access jobs, placements, and connect with employers through MyCareerHub online platform, events, careers fairs and virtual initiatives offered by CareersBU service

## Professional development

- Develop skills and knowledge through work experience, projects, research opportunities, and industry-focused activities tailored for postgraduate students.

## Skills development & careers guidance

- Access our Employability Skills Programme
- Participate in workshops, use online resources, and receive one-to-one advice for CVs, applications and interviews.

Lifelong access to CareersBU support to all graduates

# Support for Postgraduate students



# Academic support

- Academic skills workshops
- Research and data support
- Subject specialist librarians
- Dissertation supervision and guidance



# Wellbeing & support

✓ AskBU – General Support

✓ ResLifeBU

✓ On-site childcare facilities

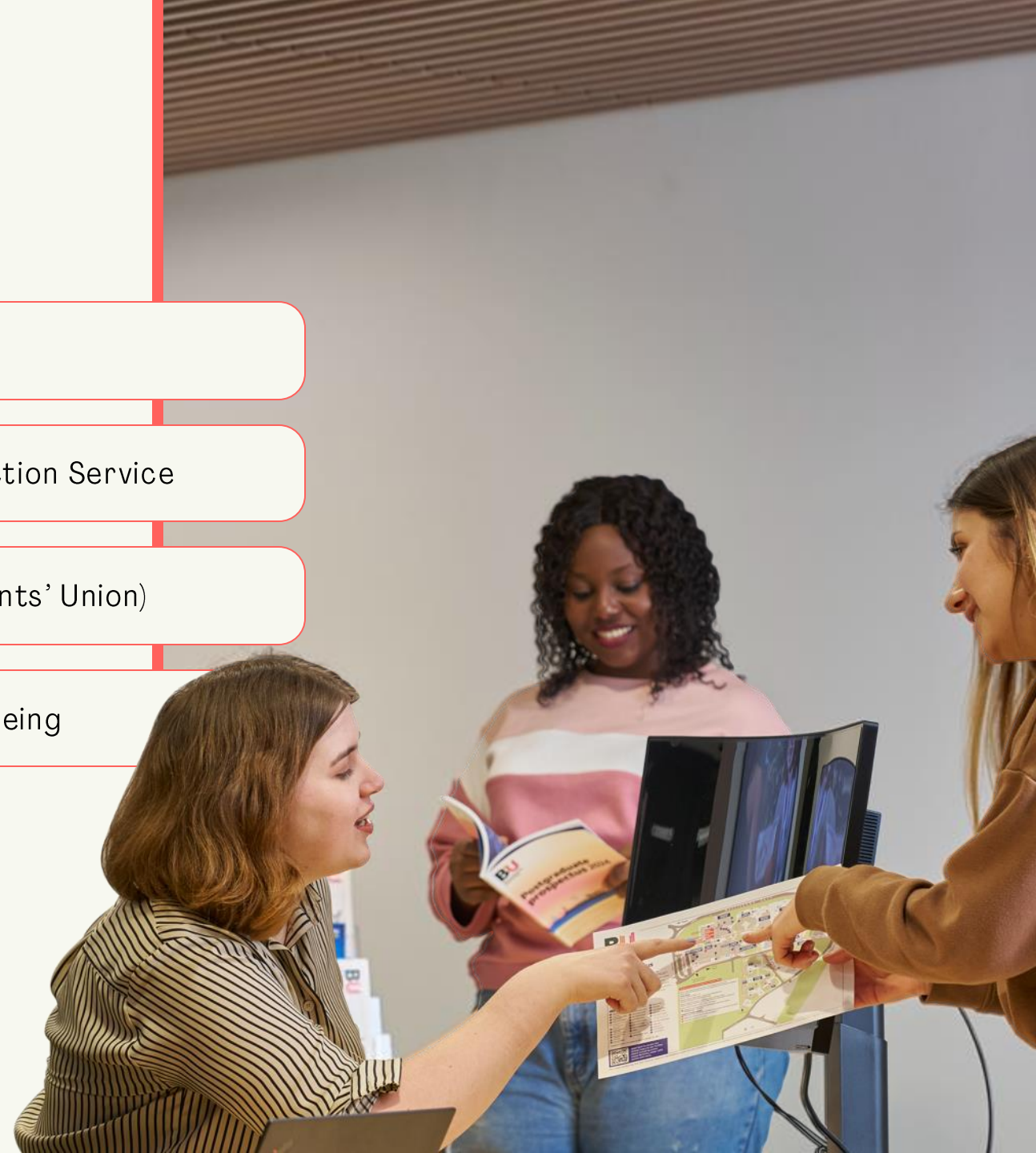
✓ Faith & Reflection Service

✓ Additional Learning Support

✓ Advice (Students' Union)

✓ On-site Police team

✓ Student Wellbeing





# Funding & Accommodation

# Funding your Postgraduate study

## Postgraduate loan (UK)

Non-income assessed loans currently available for **up to £13,206** for the 2026/2027 academic year.

## Scholarships

A range of scholarships and discounts are available for both home and international students on Postgraduate courses.

## Employer sponsorship

Some students have part or all their fees covered by their employer.

## 20% discount for BU graduates

Or you can benefit from a 10% student family discount if your immediate family are BU graduates!



# BU Academic Achievement & Excellence Scholarships

## UK/CI and ROI students

**£2,000**

when you achieve 2:1 or above (or equivalent)\*

## International students

**£2,000** when you achieve a minimum of high second-class Honours degree (or equivalent)\*

**£4,500** when you achieve a minimum of an upper second/first-class Honours degree or equivalent\*

## BU Excellence in Sport

**Up to £5,000** – supporting elite athletes

## BU Excellence in Music

**Benefits package worth c.£600 per year**

**Learn more**

[www.bournemouth.ac.uk/pg-scholarships](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/pg-scholarships)

\*Terms & conditions apply.

# Accommodation options

- **Postgraduate friendly halls**
- **Shared apartments**
- **Shared flats**



Studio flats  
from  
**£198.98 pw**  
50-week  
tenancy

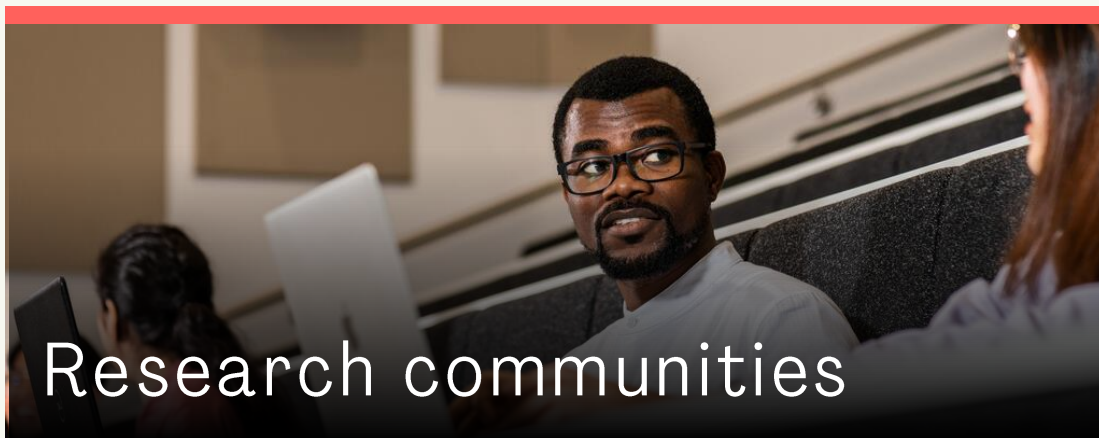
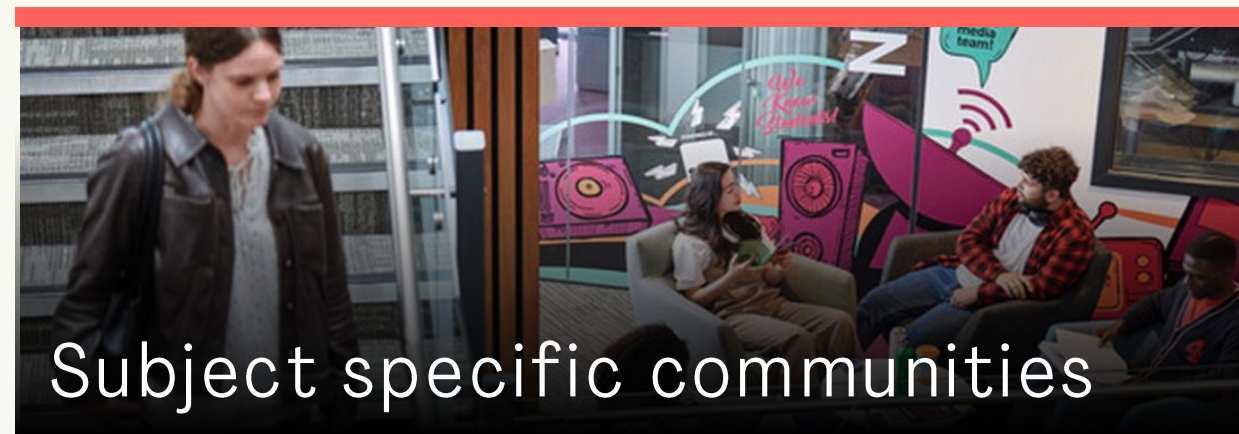


Shared flats  
from  
**£167.99pw**  
50-week  
tenancy



Community &  
experience

# Being part of BU community





# Applying to BU

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## ■ Prepare

- Prepare your application documents, such as:
  - Up-to-date transcript
  - Your most recent academic qualification
  - Your personal statement

## ■ Apply

- Go to [www.bournemouth.ac.uk/pg-courses](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/pg-courses), choose the postgraduate course that you are interested in and click 'Apply now'. You will then be taken to our online application portal (myHub) to register an account, submit your application and upload the required application documents

## ■ Offer

- We aim to make you an offer within one month of a fully completed application. If your course requires an interview or additional selection measure, it may take a little longer.

**Fast track application form  
for BU students and  
graduates:**

[www.bournemouth.ac.uk/fast-track](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/fast-track)



# What to do next

- ✓ Speak with academics about specific courses
- ✓ Ask questions about careers and research opportunities
- ✓ Learn more about funding and support
- ✓ Join a campus tour

✓ **Start your application**



# Pannel discussion

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## Name

Current postgraduate student.

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## Name

Doctoral College representative.

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## Name

CareersBU representative.

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## Name

Funding adviser.

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## Name

Student support representative.



# Thank you!

Scan the QR code to take our survey

